



## Organic Advisory Council Nominations Due March 8

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MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) is accepting nominations for the Wisconsin Organic Advisory Council (OAC) through March 8, 2024. Seats are available in each of the following categories: organic certifier, organic business, organic farmer, and at-large. Members serve three-year terms, and the council meets every other month for a total of six times per calendar year.

A committee of DATCP staff and stakeholder representatives will evaluate nominees and make recommendations for appointment to the DATCP Secretary. New members will start their term at the July 2024 OAC meeting. Nomination materials and more information on the council are available on [DATCP's website](#).

Nomination forms should explain why nominees would be valuable additions to the council. Completed nomination forms should be mailed to Andrew Bernhardt, DATCP, P.O. Box 8911, Madison, WI 53708 or emailed to [andrew.bernhardt@wisconsin.gov](mailto:andrew.bernhardt@wisconsin.gov). For questions, contact Andrew Bernhardt, DATCP Organic Programs Specialist, at (608) 572-0512.

### About the Wisconsin Organic Advisory Council

The Wisconsin Organic Advisory Council brings together public and private resources to promote Wisconsin's national leadership position in organic agriculture. By advising the DATCP Secretary and other organizations and agencies on critical organic issues, the council supports organic production, processing, and purchasing opportunities for Wisconsin farmers, processors, and consumers.

The 13-member Organic Advisory Council represents Wisconsin's organic industry and consists of:

- Three certified organic farmers, preferably reflecting several farm types (dairy, vegetable, etc.).
- Three representatives from the organic business sector.
- One representative of organic consumers.
- One representative of a private, non-profit, educational organization involved in organic agriculture.
- One representative of the certification industry.
- Three at-large members.
- One DATCP representative.

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